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## FINANCIERS SUPPORT HATELER COALITION

### AMERICAN ACTION

To defeat in 1946 the CIO-PAC  
and Communist attempt to capture  
and control Congress . . . for  
if the Congress is lost,  
Freedom in America will be lost.  
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### WHERE APPEASEMENT HAS BROUGHT US

Leftist minorities terrorize and dictate  
to Congress and to legislatures.

Leftists fill many key government offices,  
local and national.

Leftists largely control American movies  
and the American theatre; and to a larger  
extent the radio. Many radio commentators  
regularly disparage America and glorify  
Marxist doctrine.

A large percentage of news writers are  
Leftists, in bond to the CIO's Communist-  
tinged Newspaper Guild. So many book  
reviewers are Leftists that Rightist books  
are most often ignored or smeared. Threat-  
ened publishers for the most part refuse  
to print books not slanted to the Left; they  
know that Leftist reviewers and bookstore  
clerks can make, or ruin, sales.

Robert E. Wood, head of Sears-  
Roebuck and chairman of the old  
America First Committee, is sup-  
porting the 1946 version of Amer-  
ica First — American Action, Inc.

In a recent letter soliciting contribu-  
tions for American Action, General Wood  
claimed that he was "contributing a sub-  
stantial amount" himself. He added the  
group was not "just another organization,"  
but was planning "direct political action  
within Congressional districts."

### Pew, DuPont, Weir Help

According to confidential sources close  
to Friends of Democracy, other big-  
money men behind the organization in-  
clude Joseph Pew, Lamont DuPont, Er-  
nest Weir, John J. Raskob, and William  
H. Regnery. Also interested in American  
Action are Colonel Robert McCormick,  
publisher of the Chicago Tribune; Mer-  
win K. Hart, Franco propagandist and  
head of the National Economic Council;  
the Rev. Carl McIntire, the Catholic-  
hater who heads the Fundamentalist  
American Council of Christian Churches;  
and Edward A. Hayes, ex-National Com-  
mander of the American Legion.

### Bigots in Picture

Fitting into the picture are the myri-  
ads of small-time bigots — the Jew-bait-  
ing Gerald L. K. Smith, the democracy-  
hating followers of the late Carl Mote,  
the Axis-sympathizing We, the Mothers,  
Mobilize for America. These are the peo-  
ple who will furnish the mass following  
of the new group's political action pro-  
gram; they will ring the doorbells, make  
house-to-house canvasses, bring out the  
vote for candidates endorsed by Amer-  
ican Action.

Organized more than a year ago, but  
still working quietly, the group has dis-  
tributed literature marked "not released  
for publication." Reiterating the Nazified  
America First line, one pamphlet says:  
"Leftist minorities terrorize and dictate  
to Congress and to legislatures. Leftists

Reproduced above are excerpts from the first pamphlet put out by American Action, Inc. Note the  
"respectable" officers listed; also note that the charges against "Leftists" and "Leftist minorities" are  
synonymous with those made against "Communist Jews" by the pro-Nazis in the pre-war period.

### HATRIOTS DEFEND KLAN

While the metropolitan press and vari-  
ous government officials are decrying the  
revival of the Ku Klux Klan, American  
hate sheets busily are defending the KKK.

X-Ray, which holds that Nazism is  
"Americanism" in action, declares that  
"circumstances demand" the Klan's re-  
turn. The Statesman, edited by Georgia's  
Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge, de-  
clares: "The colored people have their se-  
cret orders. The gentile white Catholics  
have their Knights of Columbus. The Jew-  
ish gentlemen have their B'nai Brith. Why  
can't the gentile White Protestant Amer-  
icans have the Ku Klux Klan?" Southern  
Outlook, Alabama's bigoted sheet,  
holds that the KKK "might spank, some  
wayward reprobate, but that would be  
only in the defense of common decency."

The papers elaborate: "We do not be-  
lieve that the KKK would harbor, pro-  
mote, or incite crime in any form. . . .  
Who is more lawless than the Jewish peo-  
ple in Palestine who are now killing, kid-  
napping and blowing up hotels. . . . Is  
this the way our Jewish friends uphold  
law and order. . . .?"

### CAPPER PRAISES WINROD

Arthur Capper, United States Senator  
from Kansas, recently praised Gerald B.  
Winrod, the "Jayhawk Nazi" who is still  
charged with sedition by three Federal  
indictments.

"I have just been reading your article,  
'Dr. Winrod Answers Akron Reds,' pub-  
lished in the August issue of your De-  
fender magazine," Capper wrote to Win-  
rod. "It is a fine statement. I am in entire  
sympathy with the stand taken by you!"

The article praised by Capper is a  
tirade against John Roy Carlson and his  
best-seller, Under Cover, and a defense  
of the persons whom the Department of  
Justice charges with sedition. In the story  
Winrod sums up his own record: "As for  
me, I have never at any time, orally or  
in writing, private thought or spoken  
word, deviated from the straight and nar-  
row path of constitutional Americanism  
and fundamental Christianity."

A few years back Capper cooperated  
with another of the alleged seditionists,  
the late E. J. Garner, who was given to  
decrying the "Mongolian-Jew controlled  
Roosevelt Dynasty."

# FINANCIERS SUPPORT HATELER . . . . . COALITION

fill many key government offices, local and national. Leftists largely control American movies and the theatre; and to a larger extent the radio. . . . Understanding the menace of American Action, Inc., is a matter of understanding the menace of the old America

First Committee. For years America's Hitler-lovers, anti-Semites, and extreme isolationists worked as single cells, or in small knots made of two or three cells. Internal squabbles wrecked every large-scale effort to unite the movement. Not until 1941, when the America First Committee offered big-time "respectable" leadership and Charles Lindbergh emerged as a prospective "Man-on-a-White Horse," did the hatelers bury the hatchet and put up a united front of bigotry, reaction, and obstructionism. As isolated units, these groups had little effect on the national scene; as a united front, they threatened to influence appreciably America's policy, both nationally and internationally — until Pearl Harbor, intervening, split up the hater coalition.

## Contribute \$200,000

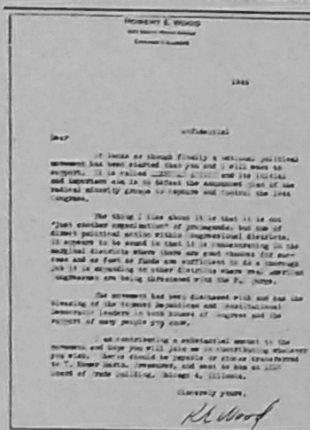
The new coalition, headed by the aforementioned array of "respectables" and financed by an initial fund of more than \$200,000 contributed by the industrialists, is an ideal set-up into which the dispersed hatelers can pour their energies. Gerald L. K. Smith, for example, can scarcely hire a hall when he uses his own name; if he should use the name American Action, Inc., and that of its supporters — Wood or McCormick or Hayes — halls would open as if by magic.

Edward A. Hayes, ex-American Legion big shot whose name is not yet listed on American Action literature, claimed in a "confidential" letter sent out this month that he "took charge of American Action a short time ago." Elaborating on General Wood's earlier letter, Hayes said the new group is "developing door-bell ringing organizations in the districts in Missouri, Oklahoma, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, and Washington to assist Congressional candidates" opposed to "Leftist" influences. "As rapidly as additional funds will justify," he added, "we intend to expand into similarly selected marginal districts in other states."

## Appeals to Veterans

Hayes further stated he was organizing a "nucleus" of veterans in selected Congressional districts and he "has enlisted the active support (of) and is receiving most valuable assistance from leaders of various other veterans organizations."

Robert E. Wood, besides being a financial angel and "respectable" front man, is the spiritual father of American Action, Inc. Late in 1941 he agitated for the conversion of the America First Com-



In this letter General Robert E. Wood, head of Sears-Ruebeck and chairman of the old America First Committee, solicits contributions to American Action, Inc. Note that Wood, using his Sears-Ruebeck address, claims to be contributing a "substantial amount" himself.

mittee into a political action group. Incidentally, when the attorney for Joachim von Ribbentrop prepared his client's defense against the charge of being a war criminal, he asked that an American "General Wood" be subpoenaed to testify.

## Conferences Held

Organizational conferences taking place in Chicago and New York in the summer of 1945 and early in 1946 got American Action underway. Showing up at one or more of the conferences were Pew, Dupont, Weir, Raskob, Regnery, McIntire, and McCormick. Merwin K. Hart chaired the Chicago conference, and his offices in New York City's Empire State Building not only serve as a distribution point for American Action literature but also for a time housed Colonel Edward D. Gray, a retired army officer who is a member of the new group's National Council.

Colonel Robert McCormick, whose Chicago Tribune backed the America First Committee in pre-Pearl Harbor days, recently went two steps further in his support of American Action. In an editorial this summer he mourned the demise of the America First Committee and proclaimed: "THE NATIONALIST MUST ORGANIZE." Furthermore, according to National News Service, the Colonel told Gerald L. K. Smith he would take an active part in the "nationalist"

movement "soon."

Hart has been an active propagandist for Generalissimo Franco ever since the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War. One of his co-workers was Jane Anderson, whom Hart introduced to Franco officials and who finally went from Spain to Germany where she broadcast Nazi propaganda by shortwave throughout World War II. Another of Hart's buddies was John E. Kelly, who later was convicted as an unregistered agent of Franco Spain.

## A.F.C. Leaders Join

Besides General Wood, other leaders of the old America First Committee have poured into American Action, Inc. Hart unofficially was connected with the A.F.C.; William H. Regnery was a member of the A.F.C.'s National Committee. Attending the Chicago conference of American Action were John T. Flynn, a member of America First's National Committee; and Samuel B. Pettengill, a former Congressman from Indiana, who toured under the Committee's auspices.

The small-time hatelers, who will make up the mass following of American Action, Inc., have already begun working their way into the group. Salem Bader, anti-Semite, helped Merwin K. Hart organize American Action's Chicago conference. Bader — who is given to making cracks like this: "ANTI-GENTILISM has been outrageously rampant the last few years. Will the White Man wake up in time . . . ?" — took time out from his organizing activities to greet the "Hitler-like" Gerald L. K. Smith and Carl Mote, the late Indiana utilities executive who used to write: "I say for all this blubbering about democracy . . ." Both Smith and Mote wanted to join American Action. Bader welcomed their support, but asked that they remain in the background for the time being to avoid a "smear."

## Pro-Fascists Appear

Bader in 1945 also addressed a "peace convention" staged in Chicago's LaSalle Hotel by We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America. Sharing the platform with such prominent pro-Fascists as Eugene Nelson Sanctuary, Henry Klein, and Frederick Kister, he told the convention delegates that Roosevelt and the British, rather than Hitler and Tojo, were responsible for the war. Charles Vincent, friend of We, the Mothers, turned up shortly thereafter at an American Action meeting.

Carl McIntire, the New Jersey Fundamentalist who sat in on the organizing conferences of American Action, works hand-in-glove with Harvey Springer, the Colorado Catholic-hater and Jew-baiter.

Springer, who is coordinating the mid-west "nationalist" movement, will be able to pour hundreds of workers into American Action's political campaigns.

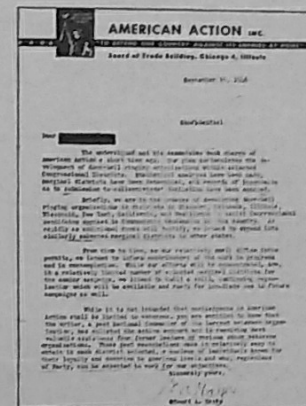
Colonel Gray, the American Actionist who for a time used Hart's office, in a letter last month revealed that Robert M. Harriss, formerly Father Charles E. Coughlin's silver broker, is connected with American Action too. Answering an eastern request for information, Gray wrote: "I am going to ask if you will call Robert M. Harriss of Harriss and Vose, Bob Christenberry of the Hotel Astor Corporation, or Sam Weldon of the First National Bank, for further details."

Upton Close, who, under the sponsorship of Hart's National Economic Council, broadcasts weekly news commentaries over the Mutual network, is another link between American Action and the hatelers. In the old days Close was kicked off two national networks because of the unreliability of his broadcasts. More recently he has defended Tyler Kent, the American code clerk who was charged by the State Department with relaying information to the Nazis. Close also has been supporting Frederick Kister, leader of the Christian Veterans of America and protégé of Gerald L. K. Smith.

## Parallels Nazi Line

There is a striking similarity between pre-war pro-Nazi propaganda and current American Action propaganda. Although some of the clichés have changed, others have remained intact. Whereas the pre-war pro-Nazis tiraded against the "Communist Jews," American Action tirades against "Leftists" and against "minorities," which it characterizes variously as "organized" or "radical." The pro-Nazis insisted that the "Communist Jews" controlled the American government, the radio, the press, and the movies; American Action claims that all these, plus the book publishing industry, are in the hands of "Leftists" and "Leftist minorities." Whereas the pro-Nazis used labor as a favorite whipping boy, American Action states its aim is "to defeat the CIO-PAC and Communist attempt to capture and control Congress." Just as the pro-Nazis shouted, "This is a Republic, not a Democracy," American Action literature pleads that now is the time to "save the Republic." American Action's reference to "alien-minded pressure groups" and the "American right to free association" is like the pre-war cry for isolationism and against "foreign influence." In up-to-date terms, this is a plea for America to pull out of the UN.

Despite the stale propaganda, the familiar America First leaders, the reactionary financiers, and the ubiquitous small-time



Edward A. Hayes, ex-National Commander of the American Legion, in the letter above claims that he has "taken charge of American Action." Note that the letter reveals American Action's work in grass roots politics and its attempt to suck veterans into the movement.

hatelers, American Action is hiding behind a new facade. None of the significant leaders are listed as officers on the group's literature. Those listed, besides Colonel Gray, include Harold N. Moore of Los Angeles; Malcolm McDermott of Durham, North Carolina; James E. McDonald of Austin, Texas; and James H. Gipson of Caldwell, Idaho.

However, with the old America Firsters master-minding the group, with pro-Fascists already infiltrating it, and with literature replete with pre-war pro-Nazi slogans, American Action quite obviously will go the way of its predecessor. Its front men will present a facade of "dignity" and "respectability"; its real workers will be the Gerald L. K. Smiths, the Carl Motes, the so-called "mothers," the Harvey Springers, the Salem Badgers, the Merwin K. Harts, the Upton Closes the General Woods, and their followers. In the case of a show-down, this pro-Fascist fringe will control the policies of the group, just as Christian Fronters forced the old America First Committee to welcome Coughlinites openly.

## More Powerful Than A.F.C.

This hater coalition, unchecked, will wield greater power than that of the America First Committee, for besides presenting a united propaganda front, it will have the added influence of political organization in Congressional districts. And it will go unchecked until it exposes and discredits the name American Action as thoroughly as they have discredited the name Gerald L. K. Smith.

## EDITORIALS FOR REPRINTING

## GIVE THOU THIS DAY

By the WRITERS BOARD

The goose hangs high, this fall and winter of our great content. The turkey hangs high too now that Thanksgiving is approaching. Was there a war, just a little while ago? Did men suffer and die in Italy, France and in the Far-off East? It all seems part of a remote terrible dream, a nightmare of unreality.

"Give us this day our daily bread . . ." All of us have whispered and mumbled this age-old prayer. It is valid still, in Detroit and Duluth, in Seattle and Spokane. But it means nothing at all in Antwerp, in Paris or in Marseilles. It means nothing in Athens. For there is no bread. The millions who helped in the fight for freedom are hungry and cold. They are badly clothed. The brutal fact is that they are being less well fed by the democracies than by the Axis which enslaved them. Hungry men know no law. They care not a whit for autocracy or democracy. They care only for bread.

"Without food," as General Eisenhower has said, "there can be no peace."

This will be the fall and winter of deep despair unless the people of America resolve that they can contribute just a little out of their plenty. They must make sure that the funds needed by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration are appropriated by a reluctant Congress. They must see that they eat a little less so that the starving abroad have a little more. If there were no higher motive, self-preservation would demand it. Desperate men, hungry men, will use desperate measures. And this, we may all be reminded, is the atomic age.

## FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY,

Inc., is a non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in Kansas City, Missouri. Since 1937 it has been exposing subversive movements in this country, and its files on un-American activities, built over a period of nine years, are among the most nearly complete in the United States. It is supported by the voluntary contributions of its numerous friends throughout the country. The PROPAGANDA BATTLEFRONT is only one of the main functions of the organization. Subscription to the BATTLEFRONT is \$3 per year.



## NEWS FLASHES

**William L. Blessing** of *Showers of Blessing* claims that it was he who caused America to be "aroused, prepared and on the alert" for Communistic activities. "I believe my work (in that connection) is finished," he said. "I shall begin now to try to prevent a depression and unemployment in the U.S.A. It can be done!" This is reminiscent of Colonel Robert McCormick's letter which said: "It is a fact that I introduced the ROTC into the schools; that I introduced machine guns into the army; that I introduced mechanization; I was the first ground officer to go up into the air and observe artillery fire . . . I was the first to advocate an alliance with Canada," et cetera, ad nauseum. One newspaper once reproduced this letter under the simple caption: "And On The Seventh Day He Rested."

**Frederick Kister**, leader of the Christian Veterans of America, spoke in Watertown, Wisconsin, recently following an invitation received from that town's Gentile League.

**The Dayton Independent**, taking its stand on the "Jewish question," says: "Hitler claimed that Jews, with money, flocked into Germany by the thousands and bought up industry, retail stores, were doctors, lawyers and judges for several years before Hitler rose to power. Some historians will go as far to say that if it were not for those Jewish people, World War II would not have started."

**Senator W. Lee O'Daniel** is pleased to note that the "nationalists" are organizing. He names particularly Texas' We, the People, Club; Arizona's Mugwumps; Massachusetts' Tool Owners; and Montana's Constitutional Defenders, Inc.

**Upton Close**, in a letter this month to his "Dear Friends and Subscribers," wrote: "Unless immediate financial help arrives, I shall be forced to leave the (Mutual broadcasting) network." Close, who is sponsored by Merwin K. Hart's National Economic Council, broadcasts his news commentaries weekly over Mutual's nation-wide outlets.

**Gerald L. K. Smith** is on the West Coast in connection with a 10,000-mile, nationwide speaking tour. He plans to visit 131 Congressional districts before the election.

The Congress of Monetary Organizations is scheduled to meet in Chicago October 4-6. Theodore W. Miller, chairman of the committee on arrangements, has the same address as Eugene Flitcraft, editor of *Gentile News*.

**Elizabeth Dilling's** son, Kirkpatrick, according to the *CVA News*, "is finishing his law course so that he may offer his valuable service to the cause of American Nationalism and to the American Christian Veteran."

**Morris Bealle**, author of the pro-Fascist *Washington Squirrel Cage*, promises to launch a weekly newspaper as soon as 25,000 pledge to subscribe.

**Washington Adams**, columnist for *C. Leon de Aryan's Broom*, considers Westbrook Pegler "brilliant" but says that Thomas Dewey has "sold white Gentile people of his state down the river of mongrelism and racial death."

**J. A. Lovell**, West Coast Anglo-Israelite, was scheduled to make guest talks in Detroit and Chicago this month.

**James Gillis**, columnist for the *Witness* and *Brooklyn Tablet*, says of Hamilton Fish and Burton K. Wheeler: "I am a friend of the two patriotic gentlemen."

**Nagene Bethune**, according to *Women's Voice*, is running for Congress in Fairfield County, Connecticut. Mrs. Bethune, the paper adds, "stands for The America, envisioned and planned by the Founding Fathers and she asks the support of those with like ideals."

**Congressman Robert F. Rich** recently inserted in the *Congressional Record* a statement headed, "Does Social Security Mean Slavery?" The answer was: "Yes! Is it not a fact the best security on earth is insecurity?"

**America Speaks** says: "Feeding the starving peoples' does not apply to the Germans. Oh, no! Instead we practice the 'Murderthau' plan of starve and rape. There is scarcely a female of from 10 to 70 years in Germany today who hasn't been raped."

## DIGEST BACKS CLOSE?

*Reader's Digest*, which went out on a limb this summer to defend the pro-Nazi record of its employee, George T. Eggleston, currently is collaborating with Upton Close, according to the September 16 issue of *Closer-Ups*. "Several weeks ago," Close wrote in his news bulletin, "one of the senior editors on *Reader's Digest* asked me to devote some of my time to analyzing the logic of our liberals which lays down the red carpet in our United States." Close, who is working with new hateler coalition, American Action, Inc., (see pages 1 and 2), has a long record of sympathy for the Axis, aversion for the United Nations, open anti-Semitism, and collaboration with pro-Fascist elements.

## MAY QUINN FUND GROWS

The May Quinn Defense Fund has risen to \$4,337.63, according to the latest reports in the *Brooklyn Tablet*, Coughlinite newspaper which is leading the defense fund drive. This sum, the *Tablet* says, is less than \$700 under the amount necessary to defray legal expenses incurred by Miss Quinn in defending herself against the charges of displaying, as a New York City school teacher, an "un-American, undemocratic and intolerant attitude in the classroom." The *Tablet* claims that Miss Quinn was opposed by "Communist" forces; there is no evidence, however, that she effectively fought "Communism" and the New York Board of Education found her guilty of "dereliction of duty as a teacher."

## PHILADELPHIA MERGER

To further its policy of creating a "Strong Nationalist Front" in Philadelphia, the *Philadelphia Nationalist*, W. Henry MacFarland's weekly news sheet, has become the official organ of the National Blue Star Mothers of America and the Current Events Club, as well as of the Philadelphia Christian Nationalist Committee. All three groups are strongly anti-Semitic, opposed to international organization, and sympathetic toward the late Axis powers. Like their big-time, fellow-traveling organization, American Action, Inc., they have been considering taking part in grass-roots politics.

## CATHOLICS BERATED

Catholics during the last few weeks have received a drubbing at the hands of the bigoted press. The *Broom* says the CIO is organized along lines laid out by the Papal Encyclicals; that the church advocates FEPC which would force employers to hire Negroes, Jews, and Communists; and that Catholics seek to promote intermarriage among the races. *Awake*, the Jehovah Witnesses sheet cracks that God must curse the Pope's blessings, for a lot of famous people whom he blessed met with misfortune.

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